

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An isolated polypeptide, ~~derivative~~ or analogue thereof, comprising a tandem repeat of apolipoprotein B, wherein the isolated polypeptide, ~~derivative~~ or analogue thereof is according to formula I:



wherein

a and a' are each independently selected from the group consisting of a positively charged residue, which ~~may be is~~ Arginine (R), Lysine (K) or Histidine (H), Leucine (L), or Tryptophan (W), and deleted;

b and b' are each independently selected from the group consisting of Leucine (L), Arginine (R), Lysine (K), and deleted;

c and c' are each independently selected from the group consisting of Threonine (T), Tryptophan (W), and a positively charged residue, which ~~may be is~~ Arginine (R), Lysine (K) or Histidine (H);

x and x' are each independently selected from the group consisting of Glycine (G), Tryptophan (W), Leucine (L), and a positively charged residue, which ~~may be is~~ Arginine (R), Lysine (K) or Histidine (H);

y and y' are each independently selected from the group consisting of Leucine (L), a positively charged residue, which ~~may be is~~ Arginine (R), Lysine (K) or Histidine (H), and deleted; and

z and z' are each independently selected from the group consisting of a positively charged residue, which ~~may be is~~ Arginine (R), Lysine (K), ~~or~~ Histidine (H), or Leucine, and deleted,

or a truncation thereof comprising the tandem repeat of apolipoprotein B, characterised in that the tandem repeat or truncation thereof comprising the tandem repeat of apolipoprotein B is obtained from a heparin sulphate proteoglycan (HSPG) receptor binding region of apolipoprotein B.

2. (Currently Amended) The isolated polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof according to claim 1, wherein the polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof comprises a tandem repeat which is obtained from an apolipoprotein B LDL receptor binding domain cluster B.
3. (Currently Amended) The isolated polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof according to claim 1 comprising a tandem repeat of human apolipoprotein B₍₃₃₅₉₋₃₃₆₇₎ having amino acid sequence RLTRKRGGLK (SEQ ID NO:1), or a truncation thereof comprising the tandem repeat.
4. (Currently Amended) The isolated polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof according to claim 1 comprising a tandem repeat of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.
5. (Currently Amended) The isolated polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof according to claim 3, wherein at least one of the first, second, third, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, sixteenth, seventeenth or eighteenth residues is further substituted or deleted.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

7. (Currently Amended) The isolated polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof according to claim 1 comprising consisting of the amino acid sequence:
LRTRKGRGRKLRTRKGRK (SEQ ID NO:48);
RTRKGRKRTRKGRK (SEQ ID NO:3);
RTRKGRRRTRKGR (SEQ ID NO:4);
LRKRKRLRKRKRL (SEQ ID NO:5);
LRKRKRLRKLKRKRLR (SEQ ID NO:6);
WRWRKWRKWRWRKWRK (SEQ ID NO:7);
RRWRKWRKWRWRKWRK (SEQ ID NO:34);
KWRKWRKWRWRKWRK (SEQ ID NO:35);
LRWRKWRKWRWRKWRK (SEQ ID NO:36);

HRWRKWRKWRWRKWRKWRK (SEQ ID NO:37);
RWRKWRKWRWRKWRKWRK (SEQ ID NO:38);
RRWRKWRKRRWRKWRKWRK (SEQ ID NO:39);
KWRKWRKWRKKWRKWRKWRK (SEQ ID NO:40);
LRWRKWRKLRWRKWRKWRK (SEQ ID NO:41);
HRWRKWRKHRWRKWRKWRK (SEQ ID NO:42);
RWRKWRKWRKWRKWRKWRK (SEQ ID NO:43);
RWRKGRKWRKWRKGRK (SEQ ID NO:44);
RTRKWRKTRKGRK (SEQ ID NO:45);
RWRKWRKWRKWRKWRK (SEQ ID NO:46); or
RWRKWRWRKWRKWRKRW (SEQ ID NO:47).

8. (Currently Amended) A composition, comprising the isolated polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof according to claim 1.

Claim 9 (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended) A method of preventing and/or treating a viral infection, comprising administering to a subject in need of treatment a therapeutically effective amount of the polypeptide, derivative or analogue according to claim 1.

Claims 11-17 (Canceled).

18. (Currently Amended) The isolated polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof according to claim 4, wherein at least one of the first, second, third, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, sixteenth, seventeenth or eighteenth residues is further substituted or deleted.